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SUBJECT: UN MEMBERSHIP FOR NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM

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1. REQUEST AMBASSADOR CONVEY ORALLY FOLLOWING INFO REGARDING RECENT DEVELOPMENTS RELEVANT TO MEMBERSHIP OF TWO VIETNAMS AND TWO KOREAS IN UN.

2. ON MAY 27 SOVIET EMBASSY APPROACHED DEPUTY SECRETARY TO DETERMINE WHAT US POSITION WOULD BE WHEN NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM SEEK SEPARATE MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN.

3. AT UN, SYG WALDHEIM INFORMED AMB. SCALI ON MAY 28 THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM RAISED WITH SYG'S REPRESENTATIVE IN PARIS POSSIBILITY OF FULL UN MEMBERSHIP FOR BOTH. THEY WANTED SYG TO SOUND OUT INTERNATIONAL OPINION AT THE UN BEFORE GOING FURTHER WITH THE

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MATTER.

4. SUBSEQUENTLY, DEPT CONVEYED TO SOVIETS REPLY CONTAINED REFTEL, CONTENTS OF WHICH YOU MAY CONVEY TO FONMIN.

5. AS INDICATED REFTEL, WE ARE CONVEYING OUR VIEWS ON PROSPECTIVE- MEMBERSHIP FOR TWO VIETNAMESE STATES TO OTHER SC MEMBERS, BEGINNING WITH PERMANENT SC MEMBERS AND SYG. SPECIFICALLY, WE WILL BE INFORMING OTHERS THAT OUR ATTITUDE WILL BE AFFECTED BY POSSIBILITIES FOR MEMBERSHIP OF BOTH KOREAN STATES, PARTICULARLY ROK WHICH DESIRES TO JOIN. FYI: YOU SHOULD STICK CLOSELY TO THE ABOVE FORMULATION WITH THE KOREANS BECAUSE WE WILL HAVE TO COPE WITH ICJ OPINION OF MAY 28, 1948, WHICH HOLDS THAT A UN MEMBER IS NOT RPT NOT JURIDICALLY ENTITLED TO MAKE ITS CONSENT TO ADMISSION OF AN APPLICANT DEPENDENT ON CONDITIONS NOT RPT NOT EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN UN CHARTER (ARTICLE 4(1), AND IN PARTICULAR, TO SUBJECT ITS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE TO ADDITIONAL CONDITION THAT OTHER STATES BE ADMITTED TO UN MEMBERSHIP AT THE SAME TIME. END FYI.

6. GIVEN THE COMPLEXITY OF THE SITUATION, KOREANS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THE ULTIMATE OUTCOME CANNOT BE PREDICTED; AND THAT WE CAN MAKE NO ADVANCE COMMITMENTS. KISSINGER

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